

REMARKS

In the Office Action having a date of mailing of February 7, 2005, the examiner rejects claim 1, and finds claims 2-4 and 6-10 contain allowable subject matter if written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. In the amendment section, the applicants have amended claim 2 to include the limitations found in claim 1. Claim 6 has been amended to depend from claim 2 instead of claim 1. Claims 1 and 5 have been canceled. Thus, claims 2-4, and 6-8 are now allowable.

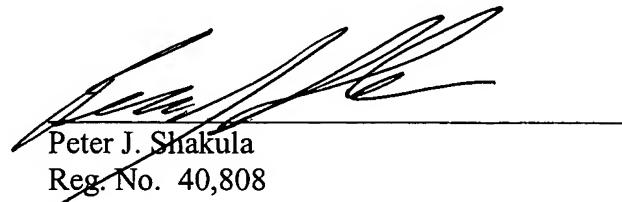
Applicants point out claims 9 and 10 do not depend from Claim 1 as stated in the examiner's Office Action, but instead are independent claims. No rejection was stated as to claims 9 and 10, so applicants have not made any amendments to claims 9 and 10, and believe they stand allowable as written.

Filed herewith, is a supplemental information disclosure statement. Shortly after receiving the Office Action of February 7, 2005, applicant received the written opinion in a corresponding PCT case. Since it is less than three months from the date of mailing of the Written Opinion, it is believed no fee is due. A statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (e)(1) is also submitted herewith. The Written Opinion rejects all claims of the PCT application as lacking inventive step. The references cited by the examiner in the PCT Written Opinion case are United States patents to Longu and Wehl, both of which have been previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the present application. As these referenced have already been considered by the present examiner, applicants believe the Written Opinion does not change the examiner's opinion in this case and that

the present application is in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request a notice of allowance.

Please charge any fees that might be due in connection with this response to our Deposit Account No. 12-0913, with respect to our attorney docket number 920047-94540.

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